

28th January 2021

Dear families,

Many of you will have seen the news regarding the decision to keep schools closed until at least the 8th March. I just wanted to let you all know the information that has been passed to school currently so we all have a picture of where we are at:

- Schools will be closed to all children completely as planned for half term, February 15th to 19th.
- If your child has been in school on Thursday 11th or Friday 12th February and develops symptoms on either Saturday 13th or Sunday 14th that result in a positive test, please notify school using the C19 email address: covid@beckfootnessfield.org. We will then contact trace as required and let families know if they need to self-isolate.
- From the 22nd February, after half term, arrangements for remote or in school learning remain as they are now until at least 8th March.
- Clarification about the 8th March arrangements will be provided by the Government the week commencing 22nd February. School and families will receive at least two weeks' notice of changes to school arrangements to make preparations. We do not know yet what the return to school will look like except that it will be dependent on public health information at that time. We will be in contact as soon as we have further information about this.
- Eligible families will continue to receive free school meal vouchers through Edenred during term time until further notice. During the February half term break support is available for food for any family that needs it through the local authority Winter Grant Schemes. Details can be found on our website and at [Beckfoot Trust - Support for families](#)

I realise that as a community this is not the news we were wanting to hear as it delays the re-opening of school to all our children. However, with the current high death rates and numbers in hospital, I think it is the best choice for the coming weeks. We will continue to make sure remote learning is engaging and fun for the children, enabling them to keep up with their school work as best they can. Keep logging on and using Class Dojo to share all the learning you are doing.



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We are all here for you as well, if you are struggling and need help and advice do not hesitate to contact us. Remote learning can be stressful on family life and we totally understand if you do not get everything done. Many of us are doing the same in our own homes and understand the pressures. Be kind to yourself and do the best that you can. Hopefully, the coming weeks will see an improvement in the pandemic allowing us to open our doors once again.

As soon as we know anything more we will keep you updated. Together we will get through this!

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,
Linda Hanson